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FOR: COMPUTERIZED SCHEME FOR DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN BENIGN AND MALIGNANT NODULES IN THORACIC COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY SCANS BY USE OF SIMILAR IMAGES

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## REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references. Also, submitted herewith is an International Search Report. The references cited therein have been previously cited in the Office Action dated February 28, 2003.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

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